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LIVES LOST IN FIRE

13 Persons Burned to Death in Tenement House

SEVEN WERE CHILDREN

Fire Thought to Have Been Work of Incendiaries

Bodies Found in Pile on Top Floor of Building—Had Been Driven From Lower Floor by Rush of Flames. Mother Makes Desperate Effort to Save Life of Baby.

New York, November 25.—Thirteen persons lost their lives and several others were injured early today in a tenement house fire at 107th street and Second avenue. All the dead were Italians. Seven of the thirteen were children. The bodies were found huddled together in rooms on the top floor of the four story building, where the terror-stricken people had been driven by the flames which rushed up from the lower floors. They had succumbed before they could reach windows which led to the fire escapes. Some had been enveloped in flames and burned alive. Others, overcome by smoke, were spared the agonies of death in the flames.

That the fatal fire was the work of incendiaries who sought revenge is the opinion of the police and firemen who made the first hasty examination. Three weeks ago three Italians were caught in the act of attempting to rob a safe in the saloon of Giuseppe Cudano, on the ground floor. The safe contained over \$2,000 which the saloon keepers friends had withdrawn from banks during the money panic. The would be robbers were arrested and are now awaiting trial. The fire today started in Cudano's saloon and the police believe it may have been the work of friends of the prisoners who took this means of squaring the account with the saloon keeper.

Cudano discovered the fire when he went down to open his place of business early this morning. As he opened the door he was met by a rush of flame and without waiting a moment to investigate dashed up the stairs to the tenements above, crying out for the occupants of the building to run for their lives. When he reached the rooms occupied by his own family he burst in the door and seizing his young son Domonio in his arms told Mrs. Cudano and other members of the family to follow. Cudano and the boy managed to find their way down the stairs to the street but before the women could get through the flames had cut off all exit. Not a single person was seen to appear at any of the windows of the blazing building with the exception of those on the second floor, from which several persons reached the fire escape and were rescued. After the flames had been partially checked, firemen fought their way through the smoke to the upper floors. There they came upon piles of the dead where they had fallen victims to the rush of flames and smoke even before they had a chance to attempt to save themselves. In one of the heaps the firemen found a woman who had made one last desperate effort to save the life of her baby even when she knew that she, herself, was doomed to a horrible death. She had folded her arms tightly around the little one and then huddled down close to the floor her own body protecting that of the child. The mother's body was badly burned. That of the child bore scarcely a mark, but it was dead from suffocation. On every side of the mother and child lay the bodies of other victims.

AT THE EXPOSITION

Army and Navy Day Celebrated With Appropriate Exercises. Norfolk, Va., November 25.—Army and Navy day with Admiral Winfield Scott Schley, U. S. N., retired, and Brigadier George C. Davis judge advocate general of the United States Army, as the central figures of attraction was the feature today in the auspicious opening of the final week of the Jamestown Exposition. The military spectacle on the Lee Parade Grounds was followed by notable exercises with addresses by President Tucker, Lieutenant Governor Elliston of Virginia, Rear Admiral Schley and General Davis.

D. B. SUTTON, ESQ., DROWNED

Thought to Have Lost His Life in Cape Fear River Near Elizabethtown.

News was received in the city yesterday of the death by drowning of David B. Sutton, Esq., a former lawyer of this city, who for some time past has been practicing at Elizabethtown. From obtainable details it seems that Mr. Sutton left Elizabethtown Friday night and drove to a nearby point where his family was staying, it being necessary to cross a stream in his turnout. On the return trip to Elizabethtown Saturday night the stream had swollen to a considerable extent and it is believed that he was thrown out of the buggy and drowned.

Mr. Sutton took a more or less conspicuous part in republican politics, preceding the riot in '98 in this city. The following special from Fayetteville concerning the accident was received last night.

Fayetteville, N. C. November 25.—David B. Sutton, a lawyer of Bladen county, son of ex-Sheriff W. J. Sutton, both prominent republicans, has been drowned in the Cape Fear river. A horse and buggy were found on the road.

TOBACCO TRUST FIXED PRICES

Lowered or Raised Them as the Occasion Demanded.

New York, Nov. 25.—During the government's investigation of the American Tobacco Company before United States Commissioner Shields today, Thomas B. Yuille, head of the leaf buying department of the corporation told how the company fixed the price paid growers in order to regulate the supply.

A committee of four directors, he said, determines the company's purchasing policy. The buying is started at an average price which is raised if the leaf is coming in too slowly and lowered if the supply is too great.

According to his testimony the American Tobacco has buyers on every market in the United States, but does not attempt to control its competitors buying in any of them. The chief competitors, Mr. Yuille said were the Imperial Tobacco company of Great Britain and the R. J. Reynolds company.

ATLANTA MAN ROBBED

Negro Man and White Woman Under Arrest Charged With the Crime.

Chicago, November 25.—James Edwards, a negro, and a white woman who gave her name as Clara Edwards, but whose real name is believed to be Rose Cohen, left here last night in charge of detectives to answer in New York the accusation of having robbed a millionaire of diamonds and money to the amount of \$25,000. Edwards and the woman were arrested late Saturday night. According to the Chicago police, a man who said he was Robert H. Brown, of Atlanta, Ga., complained to the New York police that while he was in the company of the woman, his negro accomplice rifled his baggage and later both the negro and the woman escaped with money and jewelry. None of the stolen property was found in their possession when arrested.

BOY SHOT AND KILLED

Robert Irving, Colored, Accidentally Shot by Young Earl Orrell, at Masonboro Sound.

A sad accident occurred early yesterday afternoon at Masonboro Sound when Robert Irving, a young colored lad, was shot and killed by Earl Orrell, the 14 year old son of Mr. E. A. Orrell.

From all particulars that can be learned it appears that the two boys were out ginning in a small skiff in the sound when in some unaccountable manner young Orrell's gun went off and the full load struck the boy causing his death.

The news of the shooting was telephoned to Mr. Orrell who happened to be in the city and he found Coroner Bell, who after hearing the circumstances of the incident, ordered that the body be buried, not deeming an inquest necessary.

ON EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

One of Trustees of the Union Gospel Trumpeters in Trouble.

Charles B. Gwyn, colored, was arrested yesterday by Deputy Ed Capps or a warrant charging embezzlement. Gwyn was found at work across the river where he is employed by Mr. H. A. Kure and he was lodged in jail to await trial before Magistrate Bornemann at noon today. The defendant will be represented at the trial by Herbert McClammy, Esq.

The charge was sworn out by officials of the Union Gospel Trumpeters, a colored organization, of which Gwyn was one of the trustees, they alleging that he embezzled the sum of \$24.50 from the Trumpeters.

FIRED FATAL SHOT SOUTH AND WEST

When She Was Insane Says Aided in the Movement of Crops

ALIENIST ON THE STAND CURRENCY SHIPPED DAILY

Testifies in the Bradley Murder Trial Will be Continued Until Normal Conditions Are Reached

Declares That Defendant is an Abnormal Woman and Gives His Reason—His Testimony Follows Reading of Long Hypothetical Question Prisoner Looking Pale and Dejected. Other Experts to Testify Today.

Washington, November 25.—That Mrs. Annie M. Bradley was insane at the time she shot former Senator Arthur Brown of Utah, in this city on December 8th last, was the opinion of Dr. Wilfred M. Barton of the medical department of Georgetown University and a specialist in nervous disease, expressed at the trial of Mrs. Bradley today. Dr. Barton's testimony followed the reading to him of a hypothetical question of 13,000 words, covering the history of Mrs. Bradley's relations with Senator Brown from the day she met him to the day of the tragedy.

Dr. Barton diagnosed Mrs. Bradley's ailment as being puerperal insanity, caused by what he described as the continued assaults upon her nervous system due to the abortions which she had performed upon her. In explaining why he looked upon her as an abnormal woman, he said she was interested in things that do not usually attract women and instanced the fact that she was secretary of a political club as an evidence of her abnormality. Dr. Barton was on the stand practically the entire day and was subjected to a severe cross examination by the district attorney, aided by the government insanity experts, Dr. Smith Ely Jelliffe of New York, and Dr. Edward S. Brush, of Baltimore. Dr. Barton proved to be a good witness for the defense. His testimony, showing his conclusions as to Mrs. Bradley's insanity, was unshaken.

The defendant came into court today looking pale and haggard, evidently in anticipation that after all, the question of her sanity or insanity at the time of the commission of the act was the paramount issue in the case. While at times she exhibited the keenest interest in all that was said, she generally seemed in a condition of mental dejection. As has been the case throughout the trial she displayed much emotion upon hearing references to the love that existed between her and Senator Brown as made known through their letters. While she today shed no tears, she frequently bowed her head and closed her eyes for long periods apparently oblivious to all that was going on around her. When the session for the day was over her face had a distinct expression of sadness.

Dr. Britain D. Evans, medical director of the New Jersey state hospital for the insane, will go on the stand tomorrow and later Dr. Charles D. Hill, of Baltimore, medical officer of the Mount Hope Retreat and St. Joseph's sanitarium of that city, will be called. They will both testify for the defense. For the prosecution Dr. Smith Ely Jelliffe of New York and Dr. Edward S. Brush, of Baltimore, will give testimony later. Dr. Evans and Dr. Jelliffe were both witnesses for the defense in the Thaw case, but they are on opposite sides of the Bradley case. There were three of the questions embraced in the hypothetical question which were only propounded after Judge Powers presented a complete analysis of the case, bringing out especially the points indicative of mental unsoundness on the part of the defendant. The question was as follows:

1. Assuming all these facts to be true, what do you say as to whether or not at the time the fatal shot was fired the patient understood the nature of her act, was able to choose and distinguish right from wrong, and was able to control herself to choose the right and avoid the wrong?

2. Assuming all these facts to be true, what do you say as to whether or not when the fatal shot was fired the patient was mentally responsible for what she did?

3. Assuming all these facts to be true, what do you say as to whether, when the fatal shot was fired, the patient was sane or insane?

The statement of the case was read from typewritten copy prepared by Attorney George Hoover, and was deliberately and carefully presented by Judge Powers. Mrs. Bradley's name was not mentioned, but all of the facts were given as applying to "a woman 35 years of age" which is the age of Mrs. Bradley.

The Four Pickets at the Academy. The Four Pickets and their superb company were greeted with a large audience at the Academy last night, and well this should have been, as they are old favorites, and everybody knows that their performances are always satisfactory.

"The Belle of Richmond" with Miss Grace Pickert in the leading role was presented and well received. The specialties were all good and something out of the ordinary.

Tonight "Charley's Aunt," a farce comedy, will be presented. Special Thanksgiving matinee will be given.

BIKE AND AUTO COLLIDE

Negro Thrown From Wheel and Received Some Injuries.

A bicycle and automobile accident occurred early last night at the corner of Third and Princess streets as the result of which a bicycle, ridden by a negro, was almost completely demolished and the man himself was injured, having the back part of his head split open.

The wheel on which the negro was riding and an automobile in which were Dr. F. H. Russell and Mr. D. R. Foster were both going west on Princess street, when the cyclist seemed to lose control of his wheel and steered head on for the automobile. The resulting collision was a severe one and the man was thrown some distance on the hard pavement. He was picked up by Dr. Russell and carried into Orrell & Alexander's stable on the corner where an examination of his injuries was made, being sent from there to the physician's office where remedies were applied. The injuries are not considered serious.

BROKER COMMITTS SUICIDE

Was on Eve of Being Arrested for Forgery.

New York, Nov. 25.—Rather than face charges of obtaining \$5,000 on a forged bill of lading, Louis Straus, a mining broker, swallowed a quantity of poison at his home here tonight, and died a few moments later. At the time two detectives were in the house, about to place him under arrest. When warned of his probable arrest several days ago by William A. Avis, of William A. Avis & Co. a prominent broker, on whose complaint the warrant for the arrest was issued, Straus threatened to kill himself.

Avis charged the mining broker with negotiating a loan of \$5,000 on a bill of lading for ore said to be worth \$7,500 and supposedly shipped from the west.

Avis states that not long after the loan was negotiated he discovered that the bill of lading was worthless.

Straus' family said tonight that he had lost about \$200,000 in the recent decline in Wall street and had been much depressed. His family said that they knew nothing of his trouble over the loan from Avis.

MARINE DISASTERS

Schooner R. M. Byrd Ashore—Several Other Vessels Damaged.

Delaware Breakwater, Del., Nov. 25.—The schooner R. M. Byrd from Charleston for New York which went ashore in the storm yesterday, is still hard aground.

The vessel is badly strained and full of water. Captain Boldt and the crew, who refused to leave the crew when it first went aground, have been taken off and the vessel may be a total loss.

Driven by the heavy winds the barge Charles K. Nichols and the pilot boat J. Henry Edmunds, dragged together during the night and the Edmunds' bowsprit and head gear were torn away.

The gibbous and head gear of the schooners Winchester from Philadelphia for Saco and Lizette V. Hall, New York, were also lost when the vessels came together in the storm. The Overfall light ship was dragged two miles southeast of her station in the gale.

YOUNG GIRL MURDERED

Called to Door and Shot to Death by Unknown Person.

Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 25.—Ella Pryor, an 18 year old white girl, living with her mother Mrs. Neely Pryor near Gilead Church, was called out of the residence tonight and shot to death by an unknown person. The tragedy took place just after dark. A few minutes before the gun fired some one knocked on the door and one of the smaller girls of the family went to the door but saw no one.

Ella was called by her sister and when she reached the door was fired on from the road and instantly killed. A posse is scouring the woods.

At a late hour the guilty party had not been apprehended.

False Alarm.

Fire which was quickly extinguished in a small frame structure at No 1222 Market street, caused the department to be called out yesterday morning from box 54. The damage was trifling.

A second alarm was turned in early in the afternoon from box 46 and the fire department was soon on the scene. A search for the burning building was fruitless and it was learned that alarm had been turned in by a little tot, probably five years of age, who was just tall enough to reach the box. The child had been playing around the pole on which the alarm box is placed and it is supposed that in some manner she forced the door open and pulled down the lever.

CUT DOWN IN HOURS

Of Work for Machinists of the A. C. L.

ORDERED BY THE OFFICIALS

Reduction of Hours Ordered by Local Machine Shops

Railroad Order Effective in all Shops of the System—One Hour a Day cut off—Local Machine Shops Order Reduction of Two Hours a Day—Waccamaw Company Seeks to Suspend Operations of its Plant in this City.

Orders were issued from the A. C. L. headquarters in this city last week, effective yesterday morning, reducing by one hour the time of work of all machinists and other men employed in the shops of the company throughout its entire system.

In the Wilmington district alone the order effects the shops at Richmond, Pinner's Point, Rocky Mount, Fayetteville, Florence, Charleston and this city, but the order also applies to all the other shops of every division. In this city alone the reduction in hours of work means a loss of time of work to about 400 men, white and colored.

The order was issued on Saturday and it became effective yesterday. It is along the lines of similar orders issued by the other big railway systems in the country, all of which are seeking to curtail expenses as far as possible.

The hours of work of machinists and their helpers, employed in this city at the Cape Fear machine works and at the Wilmington Iron Works have been cut down two hours a day, the order becoming effective yesterday in both shops, cutting down the time of labor from ten to eight hours each day.

The general cause for the reduction is that given by many business industries which are now ordering every possible curtailment, the result of the present depressing financial situation throughout the country.

It is stated that the Waccamaw Land and Lumber Co. will with in the next few days suspend operations at its big plant in this city. After this week no further shipments of logs will be brought to the city and when the stock on hand has been dressed up and disposed of, the plant will suspend operations. The officials of the company will within a few weeks move their offices to the company's new plant at Bolton, where it is expected future operations will be carried on. The plant in this city may be re-opened later or it may be sold.

News reached the city yesterday of the assignment of the E. L. Moore Company of Dillon, S. C., a big general merchandise establishment, next to the largest business enterprise in Dillon.

The Moore concern had several creditors in this city, but the amount of claims held by local merchants is not known.

A few days ago, it is said, creditors of the company, believing that its condition was unsound met in Florence and after canvassing the situation decided to offer a compromise of 25 cents on the dollar. The action of the creditors resulted in the assignment.

The liabilities of the concern are said to be about \$71,000 while its assets are not nearly so large.

BIG CARGO OF COTTON

The Osceola Clears With 13,725 Bales. Another Steamer Arrives for Cotton.

Another big cargo of cotton was cleared from this port yesterday for foreign export, the cargo which is on the British steamship Osceola, 2328 tons, Captain McKirdy, amounting to 13,725 bales. The cotton which is valued at \$25,000, shipped by Alexander Sprunt & Sons, goes to Bremen.

To take the place of the Osceola at the Champion Compress wharves there arrived yesterday the British steamship Sahara, 2605 tons, Captain Ford, which came from Boston via Norfolk. The Sahara will take on a cargo of cotton.

The barge Pocumoke, 787 tons, Captain Harman, was cleared yesterday for New York, carrying 775 baling, loaded by J. Reynolds & Co. The barge sailed for New York in tow of the tug Alexander Jones.